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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th/October, through Sunday, 13th/October there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4L, GEORGIA. Algis, LY2BMX/LY4ZZ, will be active as 4L/LY4ZZ near Tbilisi during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160m) entry. QSL via LY4ZZ. All QSOs will be uploaded and confirmed via LoTW, eQSL, ClubLog, Hamlog, Hrdlog, QRZCQ.com and QRZ.com.

5B/P3, CYPRUS. Jamie, M0SDV, will be active as P3F from the station of 5B4AGN in Pafos during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a

Single-Op entry. QSL for P3F via M0URX or OQRS. Before and after the contest, Jamie will operate as 5B/M0SDV. QSL via M0SDV direct, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or by the Bureau).

5T, MAURITANIA. DX-World.net reports that operators Johannes/PA5X (5T5PA) and Evert/PA2KW (5T2KW) will be active from a special location somewhere in Mauritania between the evening of October 19th until the morning of the 26th. Their main focus will be on Low Bands (160/80/60/40m). Johannes will be mostly active on SSB and some FT8. Evert will concentrate on CW. They will set up separate verticals for 160/80m and a delta-loops for 60/40 meters. Receiving antennas = 3 beverages (direction JA/EU, NA, SA/VK/ZL). There will be a daily upload to ClubLog for both stations. LoTW will be uploaded after the DXpedition. QSL is OQRS via ClubLog.

5W, SAMOA. After their ZK3A operation, operators Lee/VK3GK and Chris/VK3FY will be active as 5W0GK and 5W0FY, respectively, from Samoa (OC-097). The length of their stay is not known at this time, but one of them was expected to be in the Oceania DX CW Contest this past weekend (October 12-13th). Look for 5W0GK in the contest and 5W0FY on non-contest bands. QSL via M0OXO or OQRS. Also ZK3A member, Alex, K6VHF, was heard active as 5W0NA from 5W1SA's station in Apia on various HF bands using mainly CW and FT8. Length of their stay also not known at this time, QSL via K6VHF direct or ClubLog's OQRS.

9G, GHANA. Matteo, IZ4YGS, is once again active as 9G5GS from Sanzule, West Takoradi (Western Region), Ghana, until October 23rd. Activity will be limited to his spare time (usually on "almost every evening", between 2100-0000z) on 160-20 meters using mostly FT8 (F/H) and SSB, with a Yaesu FT-891 and 100 watts into a vertical antenna. He mentions on QRZ.com, "Activations can't be planned because of rainy season's unpredictability." On FT8 (Fox-Hound Mode) the suggested frequencies are: 3567, 7056, 10131 and 14090 kHz. On FT8 (Standard Mode) on the standard frequencies; PLEASE SEND REPORT FIRST, not the Loc. He will update daily to ClubLog. QSL via LoTW, IZ4YGS direct or eQSL.

ADDED NOTE: Matteo will return again between November 26th and December 28th; bands and modes identical to the previous ones, the news will be the SSB activity through the Oscar-100 geostationary satellite.

BY, CHINA. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will guest operate from the Guilin Amateur Radio Club station BY7WGL for two days (November 3-4th). For more details and updates, see: <https://pandasan.jimdo.com/fw-m0jhg>

D4, CAPE VERDE. Jan, OK7JR, is now active as D44EA from Sal Island (AF-086) until October 22nd. Some activity will be from the Ponta to Sino Light-house (ARLHS CAP007). Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Salvador/EA7FQB, Cristobal/EA7RU, Manolo/EA7LL, Anton/EA8DIG, Maria/EA8LF, Manuel/EA8DO, Miroslav/OM5RW and Siggie/TF3CW will be active as ED8W from La Palma Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) Multi-? entry. QSL via EA8DO or LoTW.

FH, MAYOTTE ISLANDS (Reminder). Willi, DJ7RJ, will once again be active as FH/DJ7RJ from Mayotte between October 15th and November 3rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a focus on the lower bands using CW and SSB.

QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. NO LoTW or ClubLog.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Robert, K5PI, will once again be active as FO/K5PI. Activity will take place after his participation in the TX7T Marquesas Islands DXpedition (see TX7T below), and during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry on 40-10 meters only. QSL via K5PI.

FW, WALLIS AND FUTUNA. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as FW/M0JHQ from Wallis Island (OC-054) between November 23-27th. He may apply for a unique FW callsign upon arrival. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW or direct to JA0JHQ. For more details and updates, see: <https://pandasan.jimdo.com/fw-m0jhg>

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Nate, N4YDU, will be active as HI3CC from the "Loma Del Toro DX Club" station during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via W2CCW (HI3CC only). Nate will be active as HI3/N4YDU before the contest. QSL via LoTW for HI3/N4YDU.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-066. Operators Vladimir/UA0LCZ and UD0LEN are once again active as UA0LCZ/P from the Island of Popov (WW Loc. PN52UX), Asiatic Russia, until October 14th. Activity will be on the following suggested frequencies: 3507, 7007, 10107, 14017 and 18077 kHz. QSL via UA0LCZ, by the Bureau or direct: Vladimir Miroshnichenko, P.O.Box 41-21 Vladivostok-41, 690041, RUSSIA.

AS-206. (Change Due To Typhoon Hagibis) Members of the Nara DX Association will be active as JK3ZXX/2 from Suga Island between November 2-4th. Operators mentioned are Tosy/JA3FGJ, Hid/JA3KGF and Joe/JJ3PRT. Activity will be on 40-17 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. They will focus on EU and NA. QSL via a famous YL DXer JP3AYQ direct only. No Bureau.

EU-024. Tibor, OM3RM, will once again be active as IS0/OM8A from Sardinia, but this time during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via OM2VL.

EU-031. Jim, N6TJ, will be active as IO8T from the Island of Ischia during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via N6TJ.

EU-175. Operators Torsten/DG00HD, Rocco/DG5AA, Rich/DK8YY, Hans/DL1AOB, Dieter/DL1AWD, Andi/DL7ZZ and Lu/DL8ALU should now be active as CT8/homecalls from Graciosa Island, Azores, until October 21st. The team will be active as CR2Y during the Worked All Germany Contest (WAG) on October 19-20th. QSL CR2Y via DH7WW or OQRS. QSL all others via their home callsigns.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J6, ST. LUCIA. Jay, AA4FL, will be active as J6/AA4FL between October 21-28th. His main visit to the island is primarily as a member of the J68MD CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) team. The team members are of "The Medical Amateur Radio Council" (home club callsign WB5D). For J68MD QSLs see info on their QRZ page. Jay states the following on his QRZ.com page about his activity outside of the contest: "I will be doing OSCAR satellite operation by schedule as we are visiting vacation style in varying locations. My schedule needs to take into account my shifts as a team member of the CQWW J68MD team. E-mail me to coordinate both FM simple SATs and SSB linear transponder bird QSO schedules. Radios will be a FT-817ND and FT-818ND for full duplex operation using an Arrow II antenna. During Oct. 19-21st, my operations will be satellite only from the Gros Islet area (FK94mb) and Pigeon Island (FK94mc). Signal Peak at Pigeon Island is where in the 1700's the British signaled ships with fires and lanterns and spied on the French in Martinique. My QTH from 10/21 to 10/28 will be the Villa Grand Piton just north of Soufriere in Grid FK93lu. For J6/AA4FL contacts QSL to my home call. I will submit contacts by LoTW, the preferred mode of confirmation. Paper card submissions should be accompanied by - a SASE for USA stations - a SAE and 2 USDs for stations outside the USA."

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 14-20th).....

Oct/14th AN	Oct/17th AN	Oct/19th AN
Oct/15th AN	Oct/18th AN	Oct/20th AN
Oct/16th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRy DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: <http://arrl.org/propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Realtime propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>

* Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

P4, ARUBA. Yuri, VE3DZ, will once again be active as P40T from Aruuba (SA-036) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via VE3DZ.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu)(October 11th)

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3Z50GR via SP9GR           HF50DP via SP9KAT           N4F via KD2CUO
401HQ via 401HQ (L)        HG5D via HA8QZ             OJ0/OG3A via OH3WS
404T via YU4DPR            II0SRE via IS0JXO         OK2C via OK2KYC
5B/DL2SBY via DL2SBY (O/d) II2SRT/6 via HB9FBI       OK4C via OM2FY & (L)
7Q7JN via EA5GL            II5GB via IZ5MMH          OL4A via OK1DSX
A82X via I2YSB & (L)        II7SRE via IW7DMH         OR6T via ON4AMX
CT7/ON9DJ/P via ON9DJ      II8MQP via IU8DKG         PI40SRN via PA3DHR
CT9ABN via OM2VL           II9SRE via IT9VCE         TA6CQ via DL4CQ & (L)
EA1/CT1HIX/P via CT1HIX    LX/PA3GRM via PA3EYC & (L) TM500LV via F1IOZ
EA5/PA5CA via PA5CA        LY783QT via LY2QT         V31JW via NT5V
EH1RGC via EA1DST          LZ311HI via LZ1KCP        VP2VEM via K5WE
EO65QRC via UR4QZZ         LZ4W via LZ6DJ            W8/YU1CA via YU1CA
FM5DN via KU9C & (L)        M1C via G1XOW             YJ0BCP via KD7WPJ (d/L)
HF50BG via SP9PGE          M4J via G0DVJ (e/L)
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(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

** NO QSL-INFO from DB0SDX next week (October 20th)

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/K5P>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/N5C>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/T30GC>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/ZC4UW>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/ZK3A> (Updated)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2PN, 7P8AO, 7Q6M, CN2CO, T6AA and TC0Z

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: CN2CO, E31A, E44WE, H91IT (NA-072), HR5/F2JD, JI3DST/0 (AS-206), JI3DST/1 (AS-008), LT0X (SA-087), OH9A (EU-126), OJ9A (EU-192), R205NEW (AS-205), R26RRC (AS-204), R63RRC (AS-063), RC18KA, RW0IM/P (AS-059), RW2F, SV0XCC/9, SV1DH, TO5M (NA-032) and XF3LL

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B9/F4BKV, 3W9XG, 5R8IC, 5U5U, 6M0NR (AS-060), 6M0NR/4 (AS-148), 8Q7HB, 9LY1JM, 9X4XX, CO8ZZ, D44KIT, D44TAQ, D73G (AS-084), DS2GOO/3 (AS-080), E51HMK, EP3PK, EX0DX, FJ/F6CUK, FK4QX, FR/F1TCV, H44SHD (OC-149), HC2/AL10, HZ1FI, JW/ON6FDP/P (EU-063), OH0JWL, P40X, R3RRC/6 (EU-180), S79NH, T48K, TF/DL6MHW, TK/DL5CW, TK5MH and VK9NI
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

SCANDINAVIAN ACTIVITY CONTEST [2019 - CELEBRATE THE 60TH RUN THIS WEEKEND (OCTOBER 12-13TH), SATURDAY, 12 UTC TO SUNDAY 12 UTC]. The following press release was sent by Wayne, N7NG, on October 9th: It was 1959 when

the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SAC) was launched. It soon became the battlefield of all the Nordic countries of Europe. The competition is fierce but sincere, and to everyone's surprise SAC continues to gain ground.

One may ask why. It is indeed because all Nordic countries enjoy the same radio conditions – they all suffer on equal terms and yet make lots of QSOs because of your participation.

This 60th year will even bring Old Timers from 1959 to fight for their country. The 1959 SSB winner, Vili, OH3VV – at the good age of 93 – is honored to operate the HQ Station – OH2A.

Somewhat more recent folks: OH2BH, OH2TA and OH6KZP will travel to the semi-rare OH0W, where they will go head-to-head with a similar Norwegian team of LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL, operating as JW5X.

You can work a few hundred of those OH, OZ, LA, SM, and TF folks. In addition, some good catches such as OH0, JW and OY may come on your way. Enjoy the Polar Battle; the Nordic folks are already making their snowballs!

<https://www.sactest.net/blog>

TI5, COSTA RICA. Operators Mike/W1USN and Bob/AA1M will be active as TI5/homecall from Atenas between February 20th and March 4th, 2020. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, the Digital modes and some FM satellites. QSL via their home callsigns or LoTW.

TT, CHAD. Nicolas, F8FQX (ex-TJ3SN, TN5SN, 5T5SN, TY2CA), who has been in N'Djamena since August 24th, finally received his TT8SN license on October 4th. However, by the time you read this, Nicolas will be returning to France, but will return December 1st. He plans to be there for the next 3-4 years, and will be on various HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via DL9USA and LoTW.

TX7T MARQUESAS ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release). Bob, K4UEE, sent out the following press release on October 8th [edited]: The Can-Am DXpedition team will arrive in French Polynesia on November 3rd. While in Tahiti (FO), there will be some activity – including low bands -- for a couple of days/nights....The team moves on to Hiva Oa Island (FO/M) on November 6th, and will depart for home on November 19th. While in the Marquesas, there will be 3-4 four stations QRV on CW, SSB and FT8. Operators mentioned are Bob/K4UEE, Robert/K5PI (Team Leader), Madison/W5MJ, Robert/W5RF, Bill/W5SJ, Neilt/VA7DX, Keith/VE7KW and Didier/F6BCW. Europe is a key target area and every attempt will be made to take advantage of propagation. Pilots are Franz/DL9GFB (Chief Pilot), Steve/N2SG and Don/N7BT. QSL via Direct, OQRS or LoTW. Check out (<https://marquesas2019.com>) for more details. This DXpedition is mostly funded by the operators. However, contributions are most welcome and will go toward our freight and shipping costs.

VP2M, MONTSEEAT. Duane, WV2B, will be active as VP2MDT from St. Peters, Montserrat (NA-103), between January 9-15th, 2020. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via WV2B direct.

VP6R PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). On October 10th, the following was posted on the Pitcairn Island DXpedition VP6R Web page (<https://pitcairndx.com/news-and-updates>) [edited]:

"I experienced a sudden and relatively severe, acute illness and was hospitalized for a number of days. I am recovering at home, but the risk of compromising the DXpedition to Pitcairn Island is too great

for me to make the trip with the team. My friend Glenn, W0GJ, will take on my responsibilities and the DXpedition will proceed as otherwise planned.

Most team members will have begun their travels within the next 24-48 hours. The October 15th flight to Mangareva and boarding of the Braveheart remain on schedule.

This is a great disappointment for me, but the show will go on. I thank all of you for your past encouragement and support. I have great confidence in all of our team members; they will give this DXpedition their all..... Ralph - K0IR"

"The team members are very disappointed that Ralph, K0IR, is unable to go with us. Ralph has invested countless hours organizing and preparing for a successful DXpedition! In fact, it has been so well organized that it is almost on autopilot! We have been unable to find a replacement for Ralph on such short notice. Many potential substitutes were unable to clear their schedules to be gone for a month with just a few hours notice.

We are READY to go! All of our personal bags are packed, as we had to have weight & volumes for Air Tahiti, our Papeete to Mangareva flight next Tuesday. That connection is only once per week. The Braveheart will be waiting for us and we'll set sail almost immediately for Pitcairn. We will be arriving Thursday morning at Pitcairn. All of our cargo is ALREADY at our operating site. We will work hard that first day to get as many antennas up as possible to get on the air by the end of the day, Thursday, October 17th. We must QRT by November 2nd, to make it back to Mangareva to catch the weekly flight again.

We are going to work extra hard as a team to make Ralph proud of us, as he has all but invested the last two years of his life into this project.

Visit our website often for updates. There you will find contact information for our pilots who will help us optimize our band/modes and propagation paths. Any information on long or short path openings would be welcome to our pilots. Financial contributions are most welcome, too! See our website for more details.

73 and see you in the pileups! ... Glenn - W0GJ

EDITOR'S NOTES: The VP6R DXpedition is scheduled to take place between October 18th and November 1st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including 6 meters EME, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5, 3523, 7023, 10108, 14023, 18069, 21023, 24891 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 3785, 7082, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 3580, 7045, 10142, 14080, 18099, 21080, 24911 and 28080 kHz
FT8 - 1836, 3567, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz
6M FT8 - 50323 kHz

FT8 Protocol for VP6R, see: <https://pitcairndx.com/how-to-work-vp6r>

They will also have 60 meter privileges (on all modes) and will activate that band from Pitcairn Island for the first time. The VP6R team will also participate in the 2019 CQWW SSB Contest on the Oct. 26th and 27th weekend.

QSL via K9CT. For more details and info check out the Pitcairn Island DXpedition Web page at: <https://pitcairndx.com/news-and-updates>

Also, check out their FaceBook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580069859103416>

Also, their Twitter page is at: <https://twitter.com/2019Island>

VP8/VP8DXU SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS (AN-008) DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #7, dated October 11th) [edited].

ARRL Colvin Award -- We are honored to have received a significant grant from the ARRL's Colvin Award program. The Colvin Award is funded by an endowment established by Lloyd D. Colvin, W6KG (SK).

Consistent with Mr. Colvin's wishes and with the policies of the ARRL Board, the Colvin Award is conferred in the form of grants in support of Amateur Radio projects that promote international goodwill in the field of DX. For additional information about this award:

<http://www.arrl.org/colvin-award-grants>

Clipperton DX Club -- The Clipperton DX Club (CDXC France) has joined the list of club/foundation sponsors with a significant donation to the project. CDXC has been a long-time sponsor of PDXG DX-peditions, we appreciate the confidence CDXC has shown to our DX-pedition projects.

<http://wp.cdxs.org/cdxs-history>

Corporate Sponsors -- We are pleased to announce that ON5UR QSL Printing has joined our list of corporate sponsors. Max (ON5UR) is a full service QSL printer that produces high quality QSL cards in many formats, including monochrome, full color, folded / single cards at competitive pricing. We appreciate Max's offer to be our QSL card sponsor.

Project Major Milestones -- Beginning on October 24th team members will meet near Palo Alto, California, to consolidate, integrate, test and pack the equipment for its transport to Punta Arenas, Chile. Arrangements were made for our customs broker to transport the equipment to their depot where a container will be prepared for the journey. Equipment shipments from European sponsors: WIMO, Spiderbeam, Mastrant, Clamcleat and Low Band Systems arrived from Europe, or via DX Engineering. The Elecraft equipment will be picked up at the factory, DX Engineering, RadioSport and Rig Expert products were previously received.

The team began making their travel arrangements to meet the Braveheart in Chile. At their own expense airline reservations are being booked, and a Punta Arenas hotel will house the team.

Braveheart left New Zealand on August 20th to meet her contractual obligations in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, including VP6R Pitcairn Island DX-pedition, first stop was Papeete, French Polynesia. She will return home sometime in April, 2020.

Antenna Strategy -- Similar to our Ducie Island (VP6D) plan, the antenna team designed a strategy that considers Signy Island's location and topography. Vertical Dipole Arrays, constructed from Spiderbeam products, will be directed towards Europe, over water. For other geographies the topology is less suitable for VDAs so instead EAntenna Moxons will be used. Low band vertical antennas, using Spiderbeam and DX Engineering products, will be used for all geographies.

Fundraising -- We appreciate the response from the worldwide DX organizations. So far, forty-four clubs / foundations have signed on, and equally important are the over 350 individuals who have supported the project, especially the 41 Premier Sponsors who each donated \$200(USD),

or more. We still have a long way to go but we're encouraged by the response. If you or your club aren't listed on our website please consider a donation.

73, Team VP8/VP8DXU

Website: <https://sorkney.com/>

Please direct your questions to: info@sorkney.com

VP9, BERMUDA (Reminder). Josh, W9HT, will once again be active as W9HT/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) between October 12-15th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF Bands including 6m using SSB, CW, and FT8. QSL via his home callsign direct.

W8S SWAINS ISLAND DXPEDITION 2020 (Update). Upcoming DXpedition to Swains Island (OC-200) will take place between March 10-25th, 2020. The list of international operators signing as W8S are as follows: Hans/DL6JGN (Team Leader), Ronald/PA3EWP (Co-Team Leader), Uwe/DJ9HX, Axel/DL6KVA, Dieter/DJ9ON, Steve/AG4W, Adrian/KO8SCA, Martin/PA4WM, Gerben/PG5M (QSL Manager) and Rainer/DL2AMD. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY, with 4 stations from 2 separate camps. For more details and updates, see: <https://swains2020.1ldxt.eu>

YJ, VANUATU. Chris, VK2NYA/VK2YUS, will once again be active as YJ0CA from Port Vila, Efate Island (OC-035), between October 22-30th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters (possibly 10m) SSB only. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via his home callsign direct.

ZC4, UK SOVEREIGN BASE AREA CYPRUS. Members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society (CUWS) will be active as ZC4UW from UK Sovereign Base Area on Cyprus (AS-004) between January 2-7th, 2020. Operators mentioned are Martin/G3ZAY, Simon/G7SOZ, Michael/G7VJR, Stavros/M0BBB (5B4AFM), Dominic/M0BLF, Robert/M0VFC, Dan/M0WUT and Will/M0ZXA. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW. So please use ClubLog's OQRS and do not send any cards direct or via the Bureau. For more details and update, see: <https://zc4uw.com>

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Pete, K8PGJ, will once again be active as ZF2PG on the Sunny Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the week of January 11-19th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters during the NAQP SSB Contest (January 18-19th). Outside of the contest and not working on antennas, look for him to work on 160-40 meters during the evening hours. LoTW will be utilized and direct QSL via his home callsign. Usually a weekday schedule will be posted on QRZ.com.

ZK3A TOKELAU ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Update/QRT). On October 8th, the ZK3A team reported after 7 days on the island they had around 50,000 QSOs, and had worked on CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, 6M EME and 10+ contacts on SSTV. They had lost 3 amplifiers, but still continued seriously on all bands with 3 amplifiers and 6 radios.

However, later that day they posted on their Web page: ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE FINE! A person on the island is ill. So they have sent the boat there early to get this person medical help. The team has ceased operations and is packing up all equipment to get on that boat because there will not be another boat for ten days.

They were supposed to be on the air until Friday the 11th of October, GMT 01:00 (Local time 14.00), but went QRT early at 2200z, October 8th. ClubLog reports as of October 10th that the ZK3A team made 52561 QSOs with 14655 Unique Callsigns. The Breakdown by Continent is as follows: .4%/AF, 38%/AS, 18.9%/EU, 37.6%/NA, 3.6%/OC and 1.6%/SA. Breakdown by Mode is as follows: 29447/CW, 8791/SSB, 2373/RTTY, 11941/FT8 and 9/SSTV.

QSL via YT1AD direct, OQRS (direct or Bureau) or LoTW (uploaded 6 months after DXpedition). A "Log Check Request Form" is available for "Busted Callsigns or Not in Log Situations" is available online at:

<https://tokelau2019.com/qsl-information>

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